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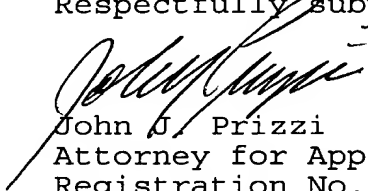
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The Group Director is hereby petitioned to accept **Figure 4**, which is a black and white optical photomicrograph of a hardmetal body and an additional body of the present invention. One set of the above-mentioned photomicrograph includes one (1) sheet. The above-mentioned photomicrograph is submitted herewith in triplicate on A-4 size paper. Please charge the appropriate fee set forth in §1.17(h) to our Deposit Account No. 11-0508. A duplicate of this page is enclosed.

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